

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/080,089

Applicant(s)

MCKAY, WILLIAM D.

Examiner

Art Unit

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1744

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11 April 2005.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 12-16.

3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**

7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other See Continuation Sheet.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: the proposed drawing corrections to Figs. 1-3 filed 27 April 2005 are approved. Formal drawings are now required and should include the approved drawing corrections of 27 April 2005 as well as 14 October 2004.

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Tiberiu Weisz on 26 April 2005.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 11 and 17.

Claim 1, line 8, after "sheets", insert --said separable edge includes planar and non-planar portions--.

Claim 1, line 11, delete "and".

Claim 2, line 1, change "the" to --each--.

Claim 3, line 1, change "the" to --each--.

Claim 5, line 2, change "the" to --each--.

Claim 6, line 2, change "the" to --each--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "the" to --each--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "the" to --each--.

Claim 14, line 4, delete "coated".

Claim 15, line 2, after "of", insert --a respective--.

2. The above change to claim 1, line 8, was made to overcome the prior art, particularly U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0088070 to Cho. Specifically, the limitation of claim 11 has been combined into claim 1. Claim 11 has been canceled.

Other minor changes have been made to claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 13-15 for clarity and consistency purposes. Authorization was given by Mr. Weisz to cancel non-elected claim 17.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-10 and 12-16 are allowable over the prior art, particularly Cho 2002/0088070 and Japan 4-226581 since neither of these references, alone or in combination, teach all of the limitations of claim 1, particularly, said separable edge including planar and non-planar portions **in combination with** each non-adhesive portion disposed as a layer on the adhesive layer and being substantially split by said separable edge into two segments.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to Randall Chin whose telephone number is

(571) 272-1270. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the Examiner are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, John Kim, can be reached at (571) 272-1142. The number for Technology Center 1700 is (571) 272-1700.

The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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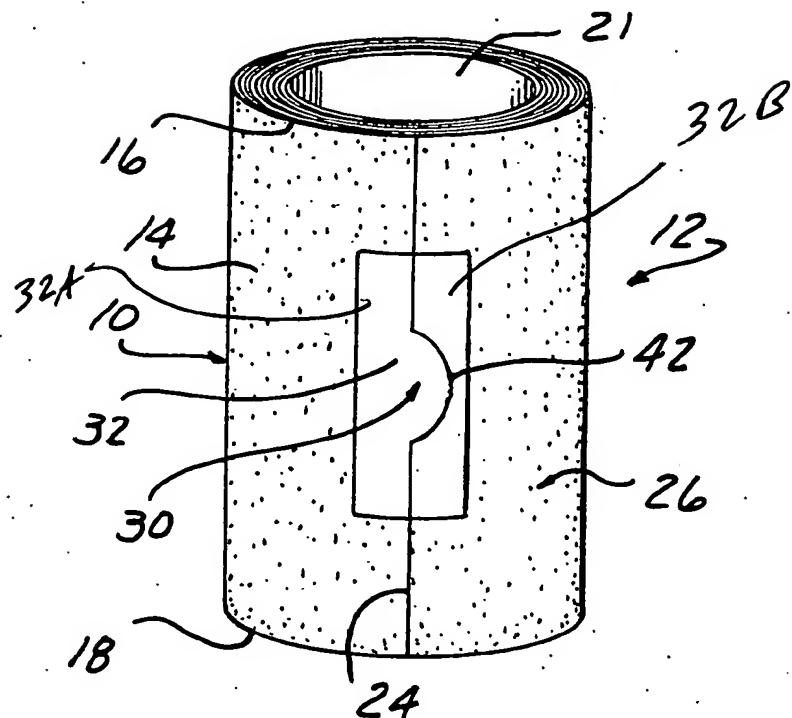


FIG. 1

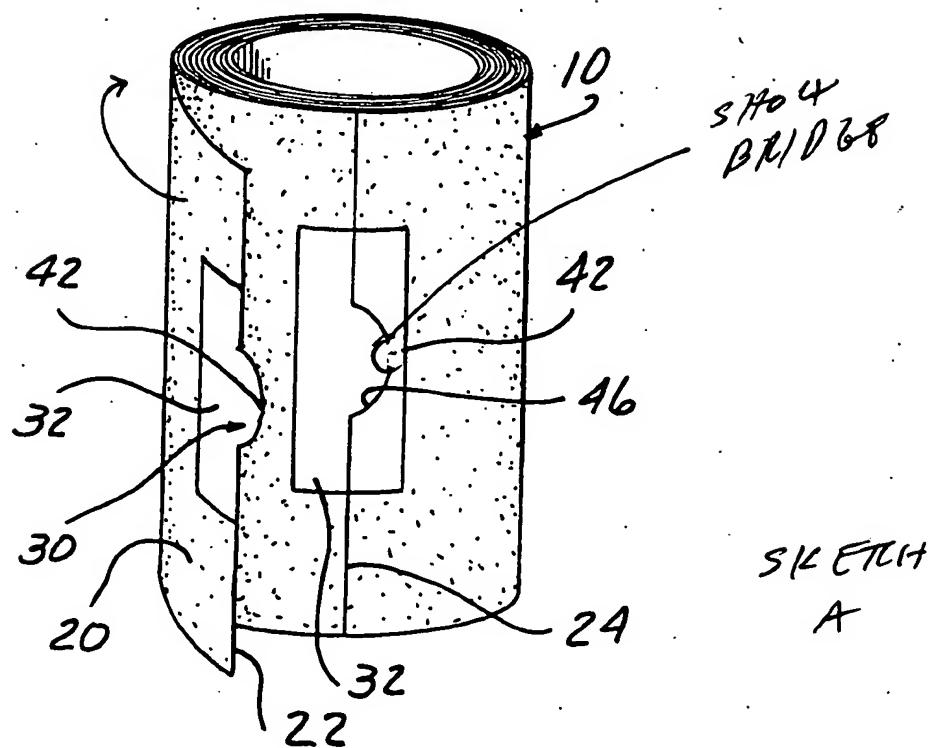


FIG. 2

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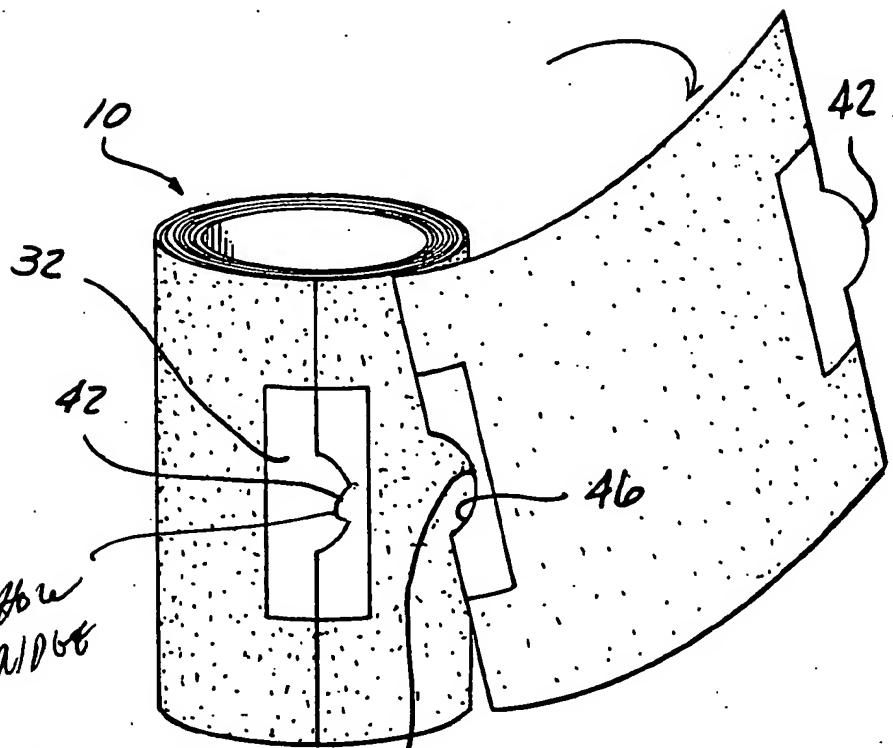


FIG. 3 42

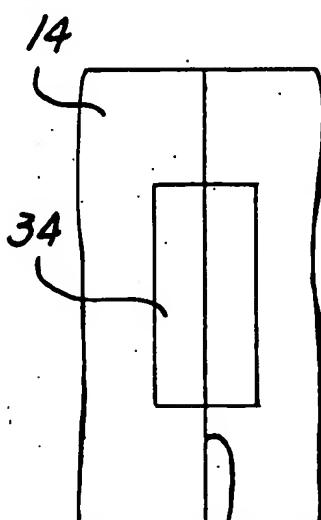


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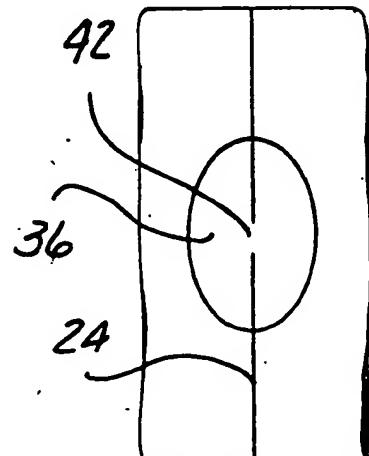


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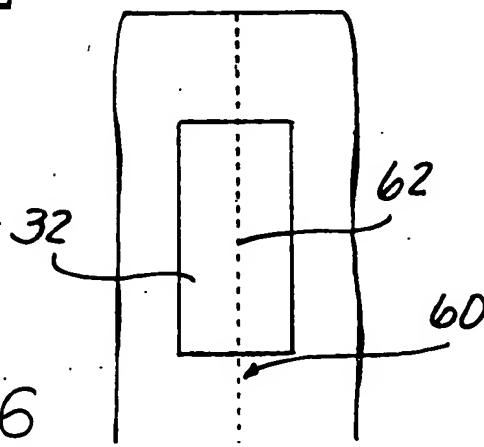
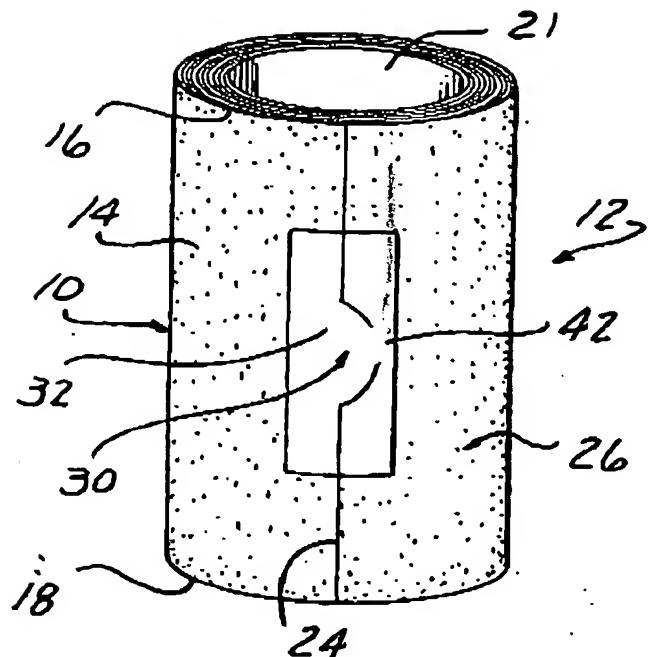


FIG. 6



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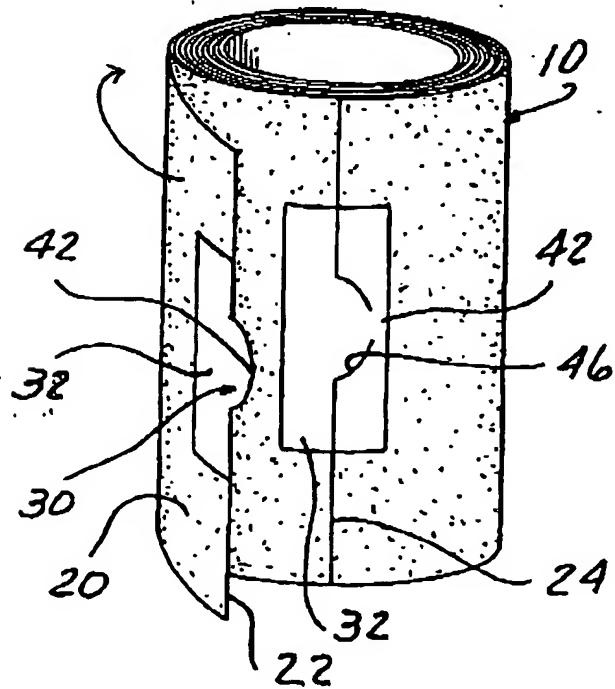


FIG. 2

